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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 11 (canceled)

Claim ¹~~12~~ (original): A method of assisting a person with aphasia, apraxia or other condition with similar effect to recover their speaking ability, said method comprising:

(a) pressing one end of a thin-walled hollow tube against the outside of the neck in the voice box area of the throat of a speaking person and simultaneously pressing the other end of said thin-walled hollow tube against the outside of the neck in the voice box area of the throat of said person with aphasia, apraxia or other condition with similar effect; and

a (b) said speaking person vocalizing sounds while said thin-walled hollow tube is pressed against the outside of the neck in the voice box area of the throat of said speaking person and pressed against the outside neck in the voice box area of the throat of said person with aphasia, apraxia or other condition with similar effect.

Claim ²~~13~~ (original): The method recited in Claim ¹~~12~~ further comprising:

(c) said person with aphasia, apraxia or other condition with similar effect attempting to vocalize the same sounds vocalized by said speaking person simultaneously with said person vocalizing said sounds.

Claim ³~~14~~ (original): The method recited in Claim ¹~~12~~ wherein said sounds are vowel sounds.

Claim ⁴~~15~~ (original): The method recited in Claim ¹~~12~~ wherein said sounds are consonant sounds.

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Claim ⁵~~10~~ (original): The method recited in Claim ¹~~12~~ wherein said tube vibrates in the range from about 100 Hz to about 10 KHz.

Claim ⁶~~17~~ (original): The method recited in Claim ¹~~12~~ wherein steps (a) and (b) are repeated.

Claim ⁷~~18~~ (original): The method recited in Claim ²~~13~~ wherein steps (a), (b) and (c) are repeated.
